(b) Under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), construction of 89 roads covering length of 1732 km. has been completed in the State up to July, 2007. Repair of roads is part of maintenance activity which is not funded under the programme.

The district-wise details of roads constructed and repaired are not maintained by the Ministry.

Total Sanitation Campaign Programme in Karnataka

2442. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Karnataka has submitted a number of proposals for approval of the Central Government concerning Communication and Capacity Development Units at various places in the State under Total Sanitation Campaign Programme; and

(b) if so, the details and Government's response thereto and the present status of each proposal, including those approved earlier and release of instalment pending?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) and (b) The Communication and Capacity Development Unit (CCDU) is a State level body supported by Government of India. The proposal received from Government of Karnataka to establish a Communication and Capacity Development Unit (CCDU) for implementation of the Total Sanitation campaign was approved in 2005-06. Funds are released annually as per approved activities. The total funds released till date is Rs. 277.86 lakh, of which Rs. 120.59 lakh was released in March, 2005 and Rs. 157.27 lakh released in May, 2007.

Bailing out weavers of Nagpur region from financial crisis

†2443. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the weavers' association of Nagpur region of Maharashtra have not been paid full arrears of last year under Deendayal Hathkargha Scheme so far;

(b) if so, the reasons for non-payment of full amount; and

(c) the efforts made by Government to bailout the weavers from financial crisis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN) (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. This Office had considered the claim for release

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of Rs.2,70,45,796/- during the last financial year received from the Government of Maharashtra out of which a sum of Rs.2,59,85,246/- had been released under Marketing Incentive Component of DDHPY scheme. The Balance amount of Rs. 10,60,550/- could not be considered because on the scrutiny of the claims in consonance with the governing guidelines on the subject, some of the primary handloom cooperative societies have computed sales figures for one year/two years only instead of three years which is required under the guidelines.

(c) Yes sir. In order to bailout the weavers from financial crisis and to meet the challenges of the liberalized global market, the Integrated Handloom Development Scheme (IHDS) has been formulated for implementation during the Eleventh Plan period by merging, with or without modifications of the essential components of the erstwhile Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana (DDHPY), Integrated Handloom Training Project (IHTP), Workshed-cum-housing Scheme and Integrated Handloom Cluster Development Scheme (IHCDS) implemented during the Tenth Plan. The objectives of the IHDS are to focus on formation of weavers group as a visible entity, develop the handloom Weavers Groups to become self-sustainable, an inclusive approach to cover weavers both within and outside the Co-operative fold; skill up-gradation of handloom weavers/workers to produce diversified products with improved quality to meet the market requirements; provide suitable workplace to weavers to enable them to produce quality products with improved productivity; holistic and flexible intervention to provide need based inputs specific to each cluster; market orientation by associating entrepreneurs and professionals for marketing, design and managing the production and to facilitate process of credit from financial institutions/banks. Besides, the committed liabilities of the erstwhile Schemes-Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana (DDHPY), Integrated Handloom Training Project (IHTP), Workshed-cum-housing Scheme and Integrated Handloom Cluster Development Scheme (IHCDS) would also be met out of the overall outlay of the Integrated Handloom Development Scheme.

Memorandum by weavers with regard to their problems

†2444. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that weavers working in powerloom and handloom industries have given a memorandum to Government with regard to their problems;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to solve their problems; and

(c) whether Government have taken any decision with regard to relief in taxes to weavers, cut in power tariff, loans at concessional rates, sale of handloom products through public distribution system and possibilities of export?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) Yes Sir. This Ministry has received memoranda/representations

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